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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James Paziotopoulos was born on December 16, 1936, in Oak Park; he attended D.S. Wentworth Elementary School, Chicago Public Schools, and Tilden Tech High School in Chicago; in 1960, he earned a B.A. from Roosevelt University in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paziotopoulos received his doctorate in educational administration and supervision from Loyola University in 1979; he first served as a teacher for six years in the Chicago Public School system before becoming a principal in 1966 at the age of 29; after 30 years as a principal, and opening three schools during that time period, he was appointed Superintendent of Schools for the Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123 in 1996; and

WHEREAS, The two suburbs that he serves have approximately 80,000 residents who have enrolled almost 3,000 students in seven school buildings; Dr. Paziotopoulos is responsible for 400+ employees and a budget of \$29,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paziotopoulos' dream for the future of School District 123 will soon become a reality; construction of a new 149,000 square foot middle school, to replace McGugan Junior High, began under his watch in the fall of 2003; it had been almost four decades since a new school was built in District 123; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paziotopoulos married his wife, Ann, in 1963; he plans to retire on April 22, 2005; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr. James A. Paziotopoulos on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of Oak Lawn-Hometown School

1 District 123 after 45 years of service in the field of  
2 education; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Dr. Paziotopoulos as an expression of our respect  
5 and esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.